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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed November 18, 2004.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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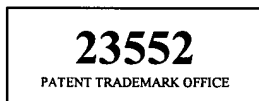
English abstracts have been located for the cited art not in English. Further, the specification mentions DE 100 29 649 A1 (cited on Form 1449). The Examiner's attention is also directed to related documents WO 01/97339 and US 2003/0156389 A1 also cited on Form 1449.

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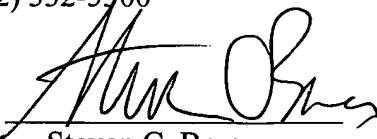
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EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	2003/0156389	08/2003	Busse et al.			
	4,566,660	01/1986	Anscher et al.			
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	DE 100 29 649	01/2002	Germany			Abstract	
	WO 01/97339	12/2001	WIPO			Abstract	
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